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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR A LARGE OBJECT INFRASTRUCTURE IN
A DATABASE SYSTEM

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	PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER
Trans	mitted herewith for filing, please find: -02/18/2004 FHATLET 00000009 233050 10776664 01-FC:1001 770:00-00
\boxtimes	A Utility Application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b).
The a	bove-identified application includes the following:
	A Request for Nonpublication
\boxtimes	A Specification including claims and abstract on pages 1 to 31
	A copy of the specification including claims and abstract (pages -) and drawings and appendixes (if any) of earlier Application No. filed , to which no new matter has been added. Such earlier application is hereby incorporated into the present application by reference.

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		A copy of the executed oath or declaration filed in the earlier application identified above is attached.						
		An Associate Power of Attorney executed by who is listed in the copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney filed herewith.						
		A Copy of the Power of Attorney with Revocation filed in prior Application No						
		Signed Statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application.						
	This application claims foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of Application No. filed in (Country).							
		A Certified Copy of each of the above applications for which priority is claimed:						
		is enclosed.						
		has been filed in prior Application No. filed .						
\boxtimes	4 Sheets of Formal Drawings and/or Photographs.							
	\boxtimes	Figure 3A should be published.						
		Petition to Accept Color Photographs is enclosed.						
	This continuation/divisional application is assigned of record to as evidenced the assignment recorded on at Reel No. and Frame No.							
\boxtimes	A nev	vly Executed Assignment transferring rights to MICROSOFT CORPORATION.						
		A Recordation Form Cover Sheet.						
		Recordation Fee - \$40.00.						
	A Pre	liminary Amendment is enclosed.						
	A Sequence Listing consisting of pages 1-							
		Diskette containing Sequence Listing is enclosed.						
		The computer readable form in the above-identified application is identical with that filed in Application Number , filed . In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.821(e), please use the sequence listing filed on and received by the PTO on as the computer readable form filed in that application as the						

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	was filed in the above-identified parent application on by the PTO on . and received							
	is included herewith in a separately filed preliminary amendment for incorporation into the specification.							
	A Statement to Support Submission of Sequence Information is enclosed.							
Inform	nation Disclosure Statement including:							
	Form 1449.							
	Copies of References - listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.							
A cop	y of Petition for Extension of Time as filed in the prior case for copendency.							
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Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 as (CHOOSE ONE: an Independent Inventor, a Small Business Concern, or a Nonprofit Organization).

			SMALL ENTITY		NOT SMALL ENTITY	
			RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
DESIGN APPLICATIO	N BASE FEE	3	\$170.00		\$340.00	
UTILITY APPLICATION	ON BASE FE	Е	\$385.00		\$770.00	\$770.00
UTILITY APPLICATION CALCULATED AFTER AMENDMENTS						
	No. Filed	No. Extra				
TOTAL NO. OF CLAIMS	30 - 20 =	10	\$9 each		\$18 each	\$180.00
NO. OF INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 – 3 =	0	\$43 each		\$86 each	\$00.00
MULTIPLE DEPE	NDENT CLA	IM FEE	\$145		\$290	
ADDITIONAL FILING	FEE:					\$40.00 <u>ASSIGNMENT</u> <u>RECORDATION</u> <u>FEE</u>
TOTAL FILING FEE D	UE					\$990.00

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